

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 14, 2009

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 725**

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**Introduced by Senator Hancock**  
*(Coauthors: Senators Alquist and Romero)*

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An act to add Section 52332 to the Education Code, relating to regional occupational centers or programs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 725, as amended, Hancock. Regional occupational centers or programs: California Apprenticeship Preparation Program.

Existing law authorizes the county superintendent of schools of each county, with the consent of the State Board of Education, to establish and maintain at least one regional occupational center or program (ROC/P) in the county to provide education in career technical education courses. Existing law states the intent of the Legislature that ROC/Ps provide career technical and occupational instruction related to the attainment of skills so that trainees are prepared for gainful employment in the area for which training was provided, or are upgraded so that they have the higher level skills required because of new and changing technologies or so that they are prepared for enrollment in more advanced training programs.

This bill would enact the California Apprenticeship Preparation Program Act of 2009. The bill would authorize an ROC/P, upon approval and certification by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to offer a California Apprenticeship Preparation Program. The Superintendent would be required to approve and certify an ROC/P as a California Apprenticeship Preparation Program if the ROC/P ~~completed~~ *completes* specified requirements, including, but not limited

to, entering into at least one memorandum of understanding with a local Division of Apprenticeship Standards certified building and trades construction apprenticeship program, *including state-approved joint labor-management and unilateral nonunion apprenticeship programs*, for the provision of occupational and academic support that includes specified criteria. ~~The bill would authorize state-approved joint labor management and unilateral nonunion apprenticeship programs to enter into a memorandum of understanding with a regional occupational center or program if the apprenticeship program satisfies the criteria of this section. The bill would require the State Department of Education, in collaboration with representatives from building trades and construction apprenticeship training organizations, ROC/P faculty members, and ROC/P curriculum coordinators, to develop curriculum covering all aspects of the building trades and construction industry.~~

~~The bill would require the State Department of Education, in collaboration with representatives from building trades and construction apprenticeship training organizations, ROC/P faculty members, and ROC/P curriculum coordinators, to develop curriculum covering all aspects of the building trades and construction industry. The bill would require that the curriculum meet specified standards and requirements. The bill would authorize an ROC/P to exceed its enrollment limit only if the memorandum of understanding entered into between an ROC/P and a local building and trades construction apprenticeship program includes an agreement by the local building and trades construction apprenticeship program to fund the instructional costs of those pupils enrolled above the enrollment limit. The bill would require an ROC/P offering a California Apprenticeship Preparation Program to comply with specified provisions of existing law.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 52332 is added to the Education Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 52332. (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as
- 4 the California Apprenticeship Preparation Program Act of 2009.
- 5 (b) Upon approval by the Superintendent, a regional
- 6 occupational center or program may offer a California
- 7 Apprenticeship Preparation Program.

(c) The Superintendent shall approve and certify a regional occupational center or program as a California Apprenticeship Preparation Program if the regional occupational center or program completes all of the following:

(1) Offers the state-approved sequence of courses pursuant to subdivision ~~(e)~~ (d).

(2) Ensures that instructors for courses offered pursuant to this section are properly credentialed by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, with a ~~career technical education designated subjects~~ *designated subjects career technical education* credential.

(3) Enters into at least one memorandum of understanding with a local Division of Apprenticeship Standards certified building trades and construction apprenticeship program that has graduated at least one apprentice in each of the past five years. The memorandum of understanding shall do all of the following:

(A) Outline roles and responsibilities of the building and construction trades apprenticeship program for the provision of occupational and academic support that includes, but is not limited to, advisory committee input, joint use of facilities and equipment, and guest lecturers.

(B) Ensure that pupils who complete the sequence of courses developed under this section shall be given credit or preferential consideration toward admission to the program, related and supplemental instruction hours, or credit for hours needed toward successful completion of an apprenticeship program.

(C) Specify the criteria for preferential consideration toward admission to an apprenticeship program approved by the Division of Apprenticeship ~~Standards~~ *Standards*. It shall not be a violation of the Labor Code or the regulations of the California Apprenticeship Council for an apprenticeship program to provide preferential consideration pursuant to the memorandum of understanding.

(D) Outline the criteria by which a pupil who successfully completes a California Apprenticeship Preparation Program may be awarded a skills certificate as referenced in subdivision (a) of Section 52302.

(4) A memorandum of understanding with a joint labor management apprenticeship program shall include labor and management signatures. A memorandum of understanding with a unilateral nonunion apprenticeship program shall include the

1 signature for the program management as certified by the  
2 Superintendent.

3 (d) The department, in collaboration with representatives from  
4 building trades and construction apprenticeship training  
5 organizations, regional occupational center or program faculty  
6 members, and regional occupational center or program curriculum  
7 coordinators, shall develop curriculum covering all aspects of the  
8 building trades and construction industry.

9 (1) The curriculum shall be aligned with the state  
10 board-approved California career technical education model  
11 curriculum standards and building trades industry standards agreed  
12 upon by building trades and construction apprenticeship  
13 representatives, including those standards adopted by the California  
14 Apprenticeship Council.

15 (2) The sequence of courses shall begin with an overview of all  
16 aspects of the building and construction trades that are conducive  
17 to apprenticeship using the California Apprenticeship Council  
18 Orientation to Apprenticeship course curriculum as a resource,  
19 and include an overview of employee rights and responsibilities.

20 (3) Subsequent courses shall be structured so that pupils may  
21 be provided trade-specific instruction offering pupils increased  
22 exposure to that specific trade. This may be accomplished with  
23 projects that involve all or most trades with pupils provided the  
24 opportunity to concentrate in one specific trade.

25 (4) Each course shall include either the cooperative career  
26 technical education or community classroom instructional  
27 methodology pursuant to Section 52372.1.

28 (5) Each course shall include thorough safety instruction. Pupils  
29 shall be capable of demonstrating safe work habits through  
30 measurable objectives.

31 (6) California Apprenticeship Preparation Program outreach  
32 efforts shall include a targeted effort to include female students,  
33 utilizing women from diverse ethnic backgrounds as role models.

34 (e) A regional occupational center or program that offers a  
35 California Apprenticeship Preparation Program shall comply with  
36 Sections 52302.3, 52304, and 52304.1.

37 (f) For purposes of this section, a regional occupational center  
38 or program may exceed its enrollment limit only if the  
39 memorandum of understanding entered into pursuant to subdivision

40 (b) includes an agreement by the local building trades and

1 construction apprenticeship program to fund the instructional costs  
2 of those pupils enrolled above the enrollment limit.  
3 (g) Both joint labor-management and unilateral nonunion  
4 apprenticeship programs that are approved by the State of  
5 California may enter into a memorandum of understanding with  
6 a regional occupational center or program *pursuant to subdivision*  
7 *(c)* if the apprenticeship program satisfies the criteria of this  
8 section.

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